

Amendments to the Claims:

1-38. (previously canceled)

39. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 80% amino acid sequence identity to:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290);

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290); or

(d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,

wherein said polypeptide induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

40. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 85% amino acid sequence identity to:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290);

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290); or

(d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,

wherein said polypeptide induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

41. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927, wherein said polypeptide induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

42. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927, wherein said polypeptide induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

43. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290);

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290); or

(d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927, wherein said polypeptide induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

44. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290);

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290); or

(d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927, wherein said polypeptide induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

45. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290).

46. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide.

47. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 102~~ (SEQ ID NO: 290).

48. (canceled)

49. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927.

50. (previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 39 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

51. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 50, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.